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SUBJECT: HOUSE PASSES FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION

REF: STATE 267193

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED). THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DECEMBER 11 PASSED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL
(201-19U).

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2. MAJOR PROVISIONS AFFECTING EA PROGRAMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. INDOCHINA.

(1) AUTHORIZES \$573.4 MILLION FOR IPR.

(2) PROHIBITS USE OF ANY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO PURCHASE FERTILIZER FOR SOUTH VIETNAM.

(3) TRANSFERS DAV FROM DOD FUNDING TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDING AFTER FY 1975 RPT FY 1975.

(4) AUTHORIZES \$27.7 MILLION FOR ICCS.

(5) IMPOSES OVERALL ASSISTANCE CEILING OF \$377 MILLION FOR CAMBODIA INCLUDING SUB-CEILING OF \$200 MILLION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

B. KOREA.

LIMITS EXPENDITURES FOR GRANT MAP, EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES, AND FMS CREDITS TO \$145 MILLION PENDING SUBMISSION OF PRESENTIAL REPORT THAT ROKG HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH A REPORT, AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$165 MILLION FOR FY 75.

C. MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

AUTHORIZES \$745 MILLION GRANT MAP OF WHICH \$100 MILLION EARMARKED FOR ISRAEL. EFFECTIVE AUTHORIZATION IS, THEREFORE, \$645 MILLION, CORRESPONDING TO \$550 MILLION SENATE AUTHORIZATION.

D. SPECIAL DRAWDOWN AUTHORITY.

EXTENDS THE PRESIDENT'S DRAWDOWN AUTHORITY FOR \$250 MILLION THROUGH FY 75. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

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3. (BEGIN LOU). NEXT LEGISLATIVE STEP IS SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE. FIRST CONFERENCE MEETING SCHEDULED AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 12. CONFERENCE REPORT EXPECTED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. EXECUTIVE BRANCH CONTINUES TO HOPE TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE CONFERENCE COMPROMISE WHERE POSSIBLE REGARDING INDOCHINA AND KOREA COUNTRY PROGRAM CEILINGS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT CASES WHERE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN HOUSE AND SENATE VERSIONS. INGERSOLL

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